Claims

[c1]   A computerized method for ensuring process compliance associated with a
         project, the method comprising:

         creating a project template;

         inputting project-related information into the project template;

         transferring the project template to a globally-accessible system;

         searching and identifying projects within the globally-accessible system; and

         monitoring and tracking the projects using the globally-accessible system.

[c2]   The method of claim 1, wherein the project template comprises one or a
         plurality of spreadsheets.

[c3]   The method of claim 1, wherein the globally-accessible system comprises a
         globally-distributed computer network.

[c4]   The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the project information
         within the globally-accessible system.

[c5]   The method of claim 1, wherein the project related information comprises any
         of tollgates, activities, tasks, issues, and risks.

[c6]   The method of claim 1, wherein the project related information further
         comprises any of project name, business location, data file name, user name,
         location of information within a database, and any additional field.

[c7]   The method of claim 1, wherein monitoring and tracking the projects further
         comprises managing and tracking the projects through the life-cycle of the
         projects.

[c8]   The method of claim 1, wherein the globally-accessible system may be accessed
         by a plurality of remote users simultaneously.

[c9]
         A web-based method for ensuring process compliance associated with a
         project, the method comprising:

         creating a project template, wherein the project template comprises one or a
         plurality of spreadsheets;

inputting project-related information into the project template;

transferring the project template to a globally-accessible system;

storing the project template within the globally-accessible system;

searching and identifying projects within the globally-accessible system; and

monitoring and tracking the projects using the globally-accessible system.

[c10]   The method of claim 9, wherein the globally-accessible system comprises a globally-distributed computer network.

[c11]   The method of claim 9, wherein the project related information comprises any of tollgates, activities, tasks, issues, and risks.

[c12]   The method of claim 9, wherein the project related information further comprises any of project name, business location, data file name, user name, location of information within a database, and any additional field.

[c13]   The method of claim 9, wherein monitoring and tracking the projects further comprises managing and tracking the projects through the life-cycle of the projects.

[c14]   The method of claim 9, wherein searching and identifying projects further comprises searching one or more projects based on predetermined criteria.

[c15]   A computerized system for ensuring process compliance associated with a project, the system comprising:

a project template module operable for creating, storing, and transferring a project template;

a project compliance management module operable for receiving, storing, and searching the project template;

a processor operable for manipulating information related to the project; and

a communications network operable for communicating information related to the project to and from a plurality of remote users.

[c16]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project template comprises one or a plurality of spreadsheets.

[c17]   The system of claim 15, wherein the communications network comprises a

globally-distributed computer network.

[c18]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project template module is operable for creating a new project template from a list of existing templates.

[c19]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project template module is operable for creating a new project template.

[c20]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project template module is operable for transmitting the project template to the project compliance management module.

[c21]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project compliance management module is operable for receiving and monitoring the project template.

[c22]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project compliance management module is operable for searching for a project based upon predetermined criteria.

[c23]   The system of claim 15, wherein the project compliance management module is operable for monitoring and tracking the project template through the life-cycle of each project.

[c24]   The system of claim 15, wherein the communications network is operable for communicating information related to the project template to and from a plurality of remote users simultaneously.